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Programmatically Creating
a Graphical Program

Examiner: Vu, Kieu D.

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Dear Sir:

On April 12, 2004, Applicants (represented by Jeffrey C. Hood and Mark S. Williams) and the Examiner had a telephonic interview. There was no exhibit or demonstration discussed. The prior art of Sojoodi et al. (USP 6437805) and McDonald et al. (USP 5966532) were discussed, specifically with respect to the independent claims (167, 219, 241, 256, 264, 272, 281, and 284). An amendment to describe 'graphical program' as "a plurality of interconnected nodes which model the program execution logic and data flow or control flow", was proposed by Applicants. The Examiner agreed that this limitation was not taught by Sojoodi or McDonald. Applicants also proposed changing the term 'object' to 'node', which the Examiner agreed would emphasize the difference between graphical program nodes and the "software objects" of Sojoodi.

If any extensions of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) are necessary to prevent the above referenced application(s) from becoming abandoned, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extensions. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel PC Deposit Account No. 50-1505/5150-37301/JCH.

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